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SUBJ: GHANAIAI POSITION ON WESTERN SAHARA

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ACCRA 1283 (NOTAL)

1. MFA OFFICIAL STATED MAR 4 THAT GHANA WAS NOT EXPECTED TO
RECOGNIZE POLISARIO AS GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAHARA AT PRESENT
(REFTEL A, PARA 1 (3)).

2. HE STATED THAT GHANA'S POSITION (REFTEL B) REMAINED THAT
PEOPLE OF FORMER COLONY SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY,
PREFERABLY BY UN SPONSORED REFERENDUM, TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.
GHANA PREPARED TO ACCEPT RESULT OF SUCH STEP WHETHER IT BE
UNIFIED COUNTRY UNDER POLISARIO OR PARTITIONED ACCESSIONS TO
MAURITANIA AND MAROCCO OR SOME OTHER FORMULA. HE DID NOT
CONSIDER REFERENCE TO JEMAA AS SUFFICIENT TO ACERTAIN
PUBLIC OPINION.

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3. COMMENT: OFFICIAL WAS SPEAKING ON BASIS OF MFA POSITION
PRIOR TO, AND AS MODIFIED BY REPORTING FROM, OAU SESSION.
RECORD IN GHANA, HOWEVER, SHOWS THAT SUDDEN CHANGES MAY
OCCUR WHEN SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL BECOME SEIZED OF ISSUE,
AND THIS COULD BE CASE WITH WESTERN SAHARA. ALGERIANS HAVE
ALREADY SENT DELEGATE TO HEAD OF STATE (REFTEL C).
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